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Sporadic fighting has flared in the Phnom Penh area as a result of Khmer Communist forces moves against several government outposts along the Mekong River. Government units have recaptured several positions on the Mekong's east bank opposite the capital overrun by the insurgents over the weekend and have relieved another position on the west bank that was encircled late last week. Other government positions farther upstream remain under moderate pressure.

Some 50 miles northwest of Phnom Penh, action has picked up around the provincial capital of Kompong Chhnang on Route 5 as insurgent units have isolated

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a government battalion southwest of the city. The army high command has dispatched reinforcements to Kompong Chhnang. On the Route 4 front, the government task force assigned to relieve Kompong Seila is still stalled on the highway by stiff resistance 30 miles southwest of Kompong Speu.